[Mr. S. J. Nair.]

(*a*) whether vacancies in and above the grade of Second Grade Supervisors in the P. W. D. are not filled up from a very long time;

(*b*) whether promotions are not given for very many Supervisors who are in the lower grade;

(*c*) whether the late Chief Engineers and the Acting Chief Engineer have recommended their promotions; and

(*d*) why the recommendations were not accepted?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) All vacancies except those in the Second Grade Supervisor's places have been filled up.

(*b*) Promotions are given to deserving Supervisors in the lower grade as chances occur.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The recommendations have all been accepted by Government, except those for the Second Grade which are under the consideration of Government.

Amalgamation of the Press, Stationery and Central Printing Departments.

394. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any idea of the amalgamation of Press, Stationery and Central Printing departments;

(*b*) why the amalgamation is proposed; and

(*c*) the benefit or advantage of the said amalgamation?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Because the three are allied departments and can be worked more efficiently under a single head.

(*c*) Co-ordination of the functions of the three departments which will facilitate their efficient and smooth working.

Removal of green manure from Reserve Forests.

395. ***MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they allow green manure to be taken from Reserve Forests by cultivators; and

(*b*) if so, whether there is any restriction in doing so?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Only from scrub jungle Reserves, which have been notified by Government.

(*b*) Removal in head-loads is free. Collection and removal by cart-load on payment of a fee of 4 annas per cart-load, and by boat-loads at 8 annas a boat-load.

Trade Agent in Bombay.

396. ***MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON** (*Shertala I*): Will the Government be pleased to state the various functions of the newly appointed Trade Agent in Bombay?

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